## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES,	)
Plaintiff,	) Civil No. 1:05-11048-RCL
v.	)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)
Defendant.	)
LIBERTY MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE	)
COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES,	) Civil No. 1:05-11049-RCL
Plaintiff,	)
V.	)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)
Defendant.	)

## PLAINTIFFS' REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO FILE A REPLY TO UNITED STATES' IMPROPER MOTION TO FILE A REPLY BRIEF

In opposition to plaintiffs' Motion to Strike Defendant's brief, et al., defendant has moved the Court for permission to file another brief in the pending cross-motions for summary judgment. The motion is improper for several reasons, including counsel's failure to correctly style its request as a motion and her failure to consult under Rule 7.1. If the improper motion is accepted by the Court, plaintiffs respectfully request the opportunity to file a short reply to oppose the motion and to correct misleading and incorrect assertions made by defendant.

Respectfully submitted,

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